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Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting December 15, 2014

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Rodney Towne	Selectman	
	Dwight Lovejoy	Selectman	
	Christine Quirk	Selectman	Absent
	Peter Flynn	Town Administrator	

Road Agent Dick Perusse and Brandy Mitroff of the public were present.

A. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Christine was unable to attend as she is on vacation.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Dick Perusse-Road Agent: Discussion Re: Estimate for Old Coach Road Repair and Permanent Employee Approval (Finished Probation): Road Agent Dick Perusse was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss Highway Department updates:

- Brian Nault completed his probation period. Dick held his review and it was satisfactory. Dick would like to change Brian's status to regular full time employment. Dwight moved to approve Brian Nault as a full time permanent employee. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0
- Dick reviewed the engineering estimate for the project at the bottom of Old Coach Road and found areas the town can save money by using materials they have in stock and lower contracted paving prices. Dick would like to use \$350,000 for the Warrant Article. This includes 15% contingency. This project is planned to be paid from surplus. Rodney reviewed both Dick's and the engineer's estimate. The Selectmen thanked Dick for doing this.

Item 2: Chief James Brace-Discussion And Update On Radio Tower: Chief Brace was unable to attend but he has worked on this issue. He went to the site with the Goffstown Ladder Truck this morning and is getting a proposal from another communication company. This project will be a Warrant Article. Another option is to use surplus. A special daytime meeting may be scheduled with Jim or he could attend the January Finance Committee meeting to discuss this. Several things are needed to improve the communication site. The first proposal was approximately \$65,000. Rodney said it is important to get the police communication system

working again and then determine a more long term solution such as the height of the tower. He is looking forward to the second proposal.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Adoption of Public Minutes of December 1 and November 19, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of December 1 and November 19, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Item 4: Continued Review of The Town Warrant for Final Wording and Funding

Requests: Peter reviewed the Warrant Articles as follows:

- The last article is for the Old Coach Road project as discussed above.
- The second to last article is for the police detail account. \$1,037 will be requested.
- The next article up is for completion of the Town Hall basement renovation project. An amount is needed. Peter is waiting for wording from NH DRA.
- The next article up is another article for the Town Hall renovation. Peter will work on these two articles this week to get the wording right. If this article fails the one after it will be null and void as this article is to appropriate the money and the next article is to expend the money.
- Articles for a chairlift and air conditioning system for the Town Hall will be considered. The town has one estimate for the air conditioning so far but the project will be put out to bid as required. The chairlift could be paid from surplus funds as a \$16,400 encumbrance from the 2014 budget and the air conditioning should be a Warrant Article. Brandy asked if the chairlift doesn't solve the handicap accessible issue is it worth the money. The Selectmen said to solve the ADA issue an elevator would be needed at a cost of over \$100,000. The planned chairlift would not comply with ADA. Brandy said the school has a lift to the upstairs classrooms that is ADA compliant and wondered if the Town Hall could get something like that. The Selectmen said probably but it would cost more than \$16,400.
- A placeholder will be added to the Warrant for the radio tower improvement. It will be discussed further to decide if it should be included.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 5: Discussion and Vote on 2015 Selectmen's Meeting Schedule: No changes were made since the last meeting. Dwight moved to approve the 2015 Selectmen's meeting schedule as posted. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Item 6: Final Review of 2014 Year to Date Expenditures and Revenues: Peter reported the year to date budget is going well and surplus is anticipated. Revenues seem down but \$260,000 in rooms and meals tax will not be received until the last week of the year. Another \$60,000 in revenue is expected this month. Total revenues are expected to end very close to the projected amount. This is very hard to predict. Peter said all department budgets remained consistent with what was approved. New Boston has no debt. Most towns do have debt.

The Selectmen recessed from 6:40-6:45 PM to enjoy New Boston Cub Scouts caroling at the gazebo.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 7: Town Administrator's Report:

- Riverdale Road Bridge-A successful pre-bid meeting took place.
- Foot Traffic Safety Committee: No activity until after the holidays.
- Parker Road Logging: The Planning Board will discuss this at their next meeting. Town Attorney Bill Drescher will attend to answer any questions.
- Contact made with Fremeau Appraisal: Fremeau Appraisal sent the final appraisals on the Daniels' lot behind the fire station and Grosso lot on Mont Vernon Road that the town is interested in on behalf of the Fire Department. They will be discussed in non-public.
- The Selectmen approved the 2015 Selectmen's meeting schedule as above.

Item 6: Selectmen's Reports:

Dwight reported he attended the recent Planning Board meeting where the following were discussed:

- All but \$50,000 of the bond was released to Woodland Builders.
- Tremblay Cordwood was postponed 30 days.
- Shaky Pond development was granted a one year extension.
- The November 25 meeting minutes were reviewed.
- The maintenance bond for Daylily Lane was released.

Public Forum:

None.

Item 7: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A: 3, II, (d) and (e) Dwight made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II, (d) and (e) at 6:50 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. Roll Call –Dwight –yes, Rodney-yes.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Dwight made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 7:05 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

ADJOURNMENT: Dwight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

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